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1. In early February 1951 the Chinese Communist Ministry of the Interior contracted with a Hong Kong firm for the purchase of 350 jeeps from the Philippines, at HK \$9,000 each. The vehicles were to be shipped to Hong Kong for transshipment to the Chinese mainland.
2. On 5 February 1951 two steam generators, of 200 and 350 kilowatts respectively, which had been purchased by Chinese Communist representatives from the Macao Electric Lighting Company, were shipped by water from Macao to Canton for transshipment to the arsenal at Lengyang (112-35, 26-56).
3. The SS EASTERN PRIDE\* was due to leave Shanghai on 6 March and arrive in Hong Kong on 12 March, where she was to load iron ore and proceed to Japan to deliver the cargo and turn the vessel over to new owners.
4. The SS EASTERN VENTURE\*\* was chartered to the Royal Interocean Lines (KPM), effective 3 March 1951, for three months, with an option for an additional three months. The charter rate for the vessel, 5050 dead-weight tons, was HK \$160,000, which is 20 percent above the existing market.
5. The EASTERN VENTURE left Hong Kong on 3 March in ballast, for Bangkok and then Djakarta, under the command of Y. S. XIANG, former Chief Officer of the EASTERN PRIDE. It is reported that two crew members were assigned to the vessel by the Chinese Communist authorities in Tientsin. Upon expiration of the charter the vessel is to be delivered at Singapore.
6. In late February 1951 the Metropolitan Trading Company of Hong Kong was loading six tons of silicon steel sheets, valued at HK \$60,000, on the SS ETHEL MOLLER, for Shanghai.
7. About 22 February the SS TERESA of the Yuen Tung Shipping Company, Hong Kong,\*\*\* was sold to the Chinese Communist authorities in Shanghai.

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